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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/559,510	<b>Applicant(s)</b> DEATON, LEVI	
	<b>Examiner</b> Timothy L. Maust	<b>Art Unit</b> 3751	

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### Period for Reply

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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 19-38 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 19-24, 26, 27 and 37 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 25, 28-36 and 38 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 05 December 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)            | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)   | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____                                      |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 19-24, 26 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sorrells.

In regard to claim 19, a cleaning product comprising: a waste receptacle (12) for holding a discarded fluid separated from the applicator; a fluid reservoir (15) for holding a clean fluid (35); an applicator bath (19) for holding a rinse fluid for transferring to the applicator by rinsing, the bath having a fill mode and an empty mode; the bath in use in the fill mode holding the rinse fluid for rinsing the applicator; the bath in use in the empty mode discarding the rinse fluid to the waste receptacle; the bath being switchable between the fill mode and the empty mode as needed to control contamination of the rinse fluid; a fluid dispenser (26) for dispensing the clean fluid from the reservoir to the bath; the dispenser being fluid-wise connected to the reservoir; the dispenser in use dispensing the clean fluid from the reservoir to the bath as needed to maintain the rinse fluid in the bath within a predetermined volumetric range (see col. 2, lines 25-47); and the product in use being configured so that the fluid separated from the applicator can be discarded directly to the waste receptacle without passing through the applicator

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bath. Reservoir (15) is capable of being removed and liquid therefrom directly poured into the receptacle (12).

In regard to claim 20, inasmuch structure that is defined by a “barrier”, the valve of dispenser (26) meets the claim limitation.

In regard to claims 21, 22, 26 and 27, rotatable handle 25 meets the claim limitation of an “actuator”, since the handle can be operated by hand and capable of being operated by foot.

In regard to claims 23 and 24, see the positioning of the receptacle, reservoir and bath in the Figures.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 37 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorrells.

The Sorrells reference discloses the invention substantially as claimed (discussed supra), but doesn't disclose having a closed-top reservoir. It would have been an obvious matter of design choice to employ a closed top to the Sorrells

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reservoir, since applicant has not disclosed that a closed top solves any stated problem and it appears that the invention would perform equally with or without a closed top.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 25, 28-36 and 38 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

### ***Conclusion***

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The cited prior art pertains to similar structure as the Applicant's device.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Timothy L. Maust whose telephone number is (571) 272-4891. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Thur. 7:00-5:30pm.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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